

Introduced by Senator Hayden

February 4, 1999

An act to amend Sections 11501, 11502, and 11506 of, and to add an article heading to Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 11500) of, and to add and repeal Article 2 (commencing with Section 11550) of Chapter 16 of, Part 7 of, the Education Code, relating to parental involvement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 306, as introduced, Hayden. Parent Involvement Grant Program.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to adopt a policy on parent involvement. Existing law provides that the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school about specified matters relating to the education of their children, and to participate in the education of their children. Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to develop jointly with parents and guardians, and to adopt, a policy that outlines how parents or guardians of pupils, school staff, and pupils may share the responsibility for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of pupils at each schoolsite.

This bill would establish the Parent Involvement Grant Program whereby state funds would be directed to nonprofit community-based organizations through a grant program

administered by the State Department of Education to allow those organizations to offer training courses for parents of schoolage children to enhance a parent's or guardian's involvement in the education of his or her child in the public schools. The State Department of Education would be required to select the grantees through a competitive process. This bill would require a parent involvement training course to include at least 10 hours of live and direct parent instruction on a minimum of 6 of 10 subjects. The bill would require a grantee to match every \$4 of grant funds received under this program with \$1 of funding raised by the nonprofit community-based organization from federal, local, or private sources.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to recommend, and the State Board of Education to approve, an evaluation design for the program and grantees to use the evaluation design to assess the overall program and cost-effectiveness of their program. The State Department of Education would be required to develop a report and recommendations to continue, modify, or discontinue the program for submission to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2005.

This bill would repeal the program on January 1, 2005.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Parent
2 Involvement in School Accountability Act.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the
4 following:

5 (1) Active and informed parents are a critical element
6 in achieving greater public school accountability in
7 California.

8 (2) Studies have strongly indicated that parent
9 participation in a child's education enhances pupil
10 achievement.

11 (3) There is a lack of training for parents, especially in
12 low-income and immigrant communities, in how to



1 understand and participate at the local level in the public
2 education system.

3 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature in the
4 act adding this section to establish a program to create
5 opportunities, incentives, and grants to increase training
6 of parents for involvement in their children's educational
7 process.

8 SEC. 3. An article heading is added to Chapter 16
9 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 7 of the
10 Education Code immediately preceding Section 11500, to
11 read:

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13 Article 1. School-Based Parental Involvement Grant
14 Programs
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16 SEC. 4. Section 11501 of the Education Code is
17 amended to read:

18 11501. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting
19 this ~~chapter~~ *article* to ensure that parent involvement
20 programs are properly designed and implemented and to
21 provide a focus and structure for these programs based on
22 prior experience and research while maintaining
23 sufficient local flexibility to design a program that best
24 meets the needs of the local community.

25 SEC. 5. Section 11502 of the Education Code is
26 amended to read:

27 11502. It is the purpose and goal of this ~~chapter~~ *article*
28 to do all of the following:

29 (a) To engage parents positively in their children's
30 education by helping parents to develop skills to use at
31 home that support their children's academic efforts at
32 school and their children's development as responsible
33 future members of our society.

34 (b) To inform parents that they can directly affect the
35 success of their children's learning, by providing parents
36 with techniques and strategies that they may utilize to
37 improve their children's academic success and to assist
38 their children in learning at home.

39 (c) To build consistent and effective communication
40 between the home and the school so that parents may

1 know when and how to assist their children in support of
2 classroom learning activities.

3 (d) To train teachers and administrators to
4 communicate effectively with parents.

5 (e) To integrate parent involvement programs,
6 including compliance with this ~~chapter~~ *article*, into the
7 school's master plan for academic accountability.

8 SEC. 6. Section 11506 of the Education Code is
9 amended to read:

10 11506. Schools that receive federal funds under
11 Chapter 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary
12 Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Augustus F.
13 Hawkins-Robert T. Stafford Elementary and Secondary
14 School Improvement Amendments of 1988 (P. L.
15 100-297), and receive funds for school improvement plans
16 pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000)
17 of Part 28 or economic impact aid pursuant to Article 2
18 (commencing with Section 54020) of Chapter 1 of Part 29,
19 may receive funds for school improvement plans
20 pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000)
21 of Part 28 or economic impact aid pursuant to Article 2
22 (commencing with Section 54020) of Chapter 1 of Part 29
23 only if they comply with this ~~chapter~~ *article*.

24 SEC. 7. Article 2 (commencing with Section 11550) is
25 added to Chapter 16 of Part 7 of the Education Code, to
26 read:

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28 Article 2. Community-Based Parent Involvement
29 Grant Program
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32 11550. The Parent Involvement Grant Program is
33 hereby established whereby state funds appropriated for
34 that purpose shall be directed to nonprofit
35 community-based organizations through a grant
36 program administered by the State Department of
37 Education. The state funds shall be allocated to nonprofit
38 community-based organizations to offer training courses
39 for parents and guardians of schoolage children for the
40 purpose of enhancing parent and guardian involvement
in the education of their children in the public schools.



1 11555. The State Department of Education shall
2 select, through a competitive process the nonprofit
3 community-based organizations that shall be awarded
4 training grants under this article. Priority in the selection
5 process shall be granted to nonprofit community-based
6 organizations that demonstrate the following:

7 (a) Ability to recruit and retain parent populations
8 with traditionally low participation rates, including but
9 not limited to, immigrant and low-income parents.

10 (b) Ability to conduct parent training in various
11 languages to meet the specific cultural and linguistic
12 needs of the school communities to be served.

13 (c) Experience in collaborating with school districts,
14 individual schools, local agencies, and community
15 educational resources in implementing parent
16 involvement programs.

17 (d) Ability to retain a high percentage of parent
18 participants in their training course.

19 11560. (a) A parent involvement training course
20 offered pursuant to this article shall include at least 10
21 hours of live and direct parent instruction on a minimum
22 of six of the following 10 subject areas:

- 23 (1) Home-school collaboration.
- 24 (2) Participation in school governance.
- 25 (3) Child development.
- 26 (4) Child motivational skills.
- 27 (5) Developing study habits.
- 28 (6) Parent-teacher conferencing.
- 29 (7) Gang, violence, and drug prevention in the school.
- 30 (8) College preparation.
- 31 (9) Children's health and nutrition.
- 32 (10) Positive discipline.

33 (b) Nonprofit community-based organizations
34 receiving grants shall provide ways to involve schoolage
35 children in the training courses and shall encourage
36 parents to involve their schoolage children in the courses.

37 11565. (a) A nonprofit community-based
38 organization shall match every four dollars (\$4) of grant
39 funds received under this article with one dollar (\$1) of
40 funding raised by the nonprofit community-based

1 organization from federal, local, or private sources. A
2 nonprofit community-based organization may assess
3 parents and guardians who participate in the training
4 course a fee not to exceed two dollars (\$2) for the
5 purposes of this matching fund requirement.

6 11570. The State Department of Education shall
7 recommend, and the State Board of Education shall
8 approve, an evaluation design for the program
9 established by this article. Nonprofit community-based
10 organizations that receive grants under this article shall
11 use the evaluation design to assess the overall program
12 and cost-effectiveness of their program, including, but
13 not limited to, the effect of this program on the total
14 number of parents and guardians actively involved at the
15 school as evidenced by, among other things, contact
16 between parents and school, participation in school
17 activities and school governance. Nonprofit
18 community-based organizations shall submit their
19 assessments to the State Department of Education by a
20 date to be specified by the department. The State
21 Department of Education shall develop a report
22 including, but not necessarily limited to, the information
23 received from the participating nonprofit
24 community-based organizations and recommendations
25 to continue, modify, or discontinue the program
26 established by this article. The report shall be approved
27 by the State Board of Education and submitted to the
28 Legislature on or before January 1, 2005.

29 11575. This article shall remain in effect only until
30 January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
31 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
32 2005, deletes or extends that date.

